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PERTH SYDNEY 28 FEB RPT TO YOU QUOTE

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEARBY

REF.: STATE 039170

1. EMBASSY AND CONGEN SYDNEY WELCOME VISIT BY DEPUTY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEARBY AND WILL ARRANGE RESERVATIONS  
AND PROGRAM AS OUTLINED REFTEL.

2. WE HAVE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MR. SEARBY'S CONSIDERATION  
IN CONNECTION WITH DETAILED ITINERARY AND PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES.  
FIRST, PRESTIGIOUS ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE IN AUSTRALIA (AMCHAM) IS SCHEDULE MARCH 27-29.  
THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION IS IN SYDNEY. ENTIRE SUBSTANTIVE  
PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29, WITH BREAKFAST SPEECH  
BY AMBASSADOR GREEN, MORNING AND AFTERNOON SEMINARS ON  
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND FOREIGN  
INVESTMENT RESPECTIVELY, LUNCHEON TO BE ADDRESSED BY  
PROMINENT AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN AND EVENING BANQUET FOR  
WHICH CHAMBER IS SEEKING PRIME MINISTER OR PROMINENT  
CABINET MEMBER AS SPEAKER. WE BELIEVE MR. SEARBY  
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WOULD FIND IT VALUABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PART OF DAY'S

MEETINGS, AND HAVE CONFERENCES WITH AMCHAM OFFICERS WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO MEET HIM. THIS COINCIDES WITH PROPOSED SCHEDULE REFTEL AND CREATES NO PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH DEPENDING UPON REQUIREMENTS OF FURTHER TRAVEL SCHEDULE HE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DEFERRING DEPARTURE FROM SYDNEY UNTIL MARCH 30 A.M. IN ORDER TO ATTEND AMCHAM DINNER MARCH 29.

3. SECOND, WE AND CONSUL GENERAL MELBOURNE RECOMMEND HE CONSIDER SPENDING ONE DAY IN MELBOURNE, WHICH IS MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTER. U.S. CONGEN MELBOURNE COMMERCIAL SECTION HAS IMPORTANT ROLE IN AUSTRALIA'S CCP. MR. SEARBY COULD PROCEED FROM CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE EVENING MARCH 27 AND MOVE ON TO SYDNEY EVENING MARCH 28. BOTH FLIGHTS APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR WITH FREQUENT SERVICE.

4. CONGEN SYDNEY HAS MADE RESERVATION FOR EVENING 28TH AT WENTWORTH HOTEL PURSUANT REFTEL. EMBASSY HAS MADE RESERVATIONS AT LAKESIDE HOTEL CANBERRA FOR NIGHTS MARCH 26 AND MARCH 27, PENDING MR. SEARBY'S RESPONSE RE POSSIBILITY OF PROCEEDING MELBOURNE EVENING MARCH 27. RESERVATIONS WILL BE MODIFIED IF HE ACCEPTS MELBOURNE SUGGESTION.

5. EMBASSY AND CONGENS SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AS APPROPRIATE, WILL ADVISE MORE DETAILED PROPOSED SCHEDULE AT EACH POST AFTER RECEIVING INDICATION MR. SEARBY'S DECISIONS RE PRECEDING SUGGESTIONS.

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